



COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG)

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Overview

The Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) program provides financial aid to students who are residents of Nebraska, have not earned a bachelor's, graduate or professional degree, have high financial need, and who are attending eligible Nebraska colleges and universities to earn a degree or credential. NOG is the State of Nebraska's only need-based financial aid program for postsecondary students.

By the Numbers (2018-19)

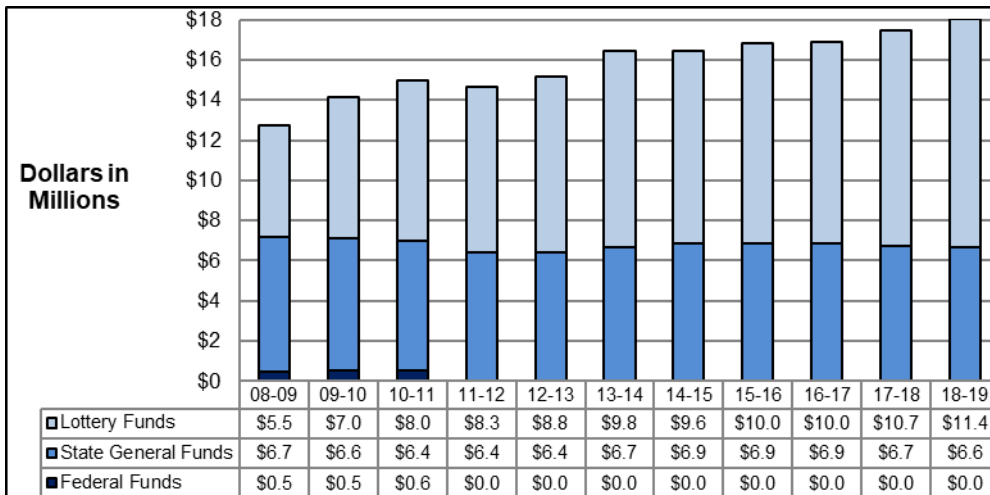
Amount awarded: \$17,978,264

Recipients: 12,753

Recipients by sector: 37% - University of Nebraska; 9% - State Colleges; 28% - Community Colleges; 24% - Independents; 2% - Private Career Schools

Average grant: \$1,410

NOG recipients by income level: 34.9% - \$19,999 or less; 28.1% - \$20,000-\$39,999; 37.0% - \$40,000+

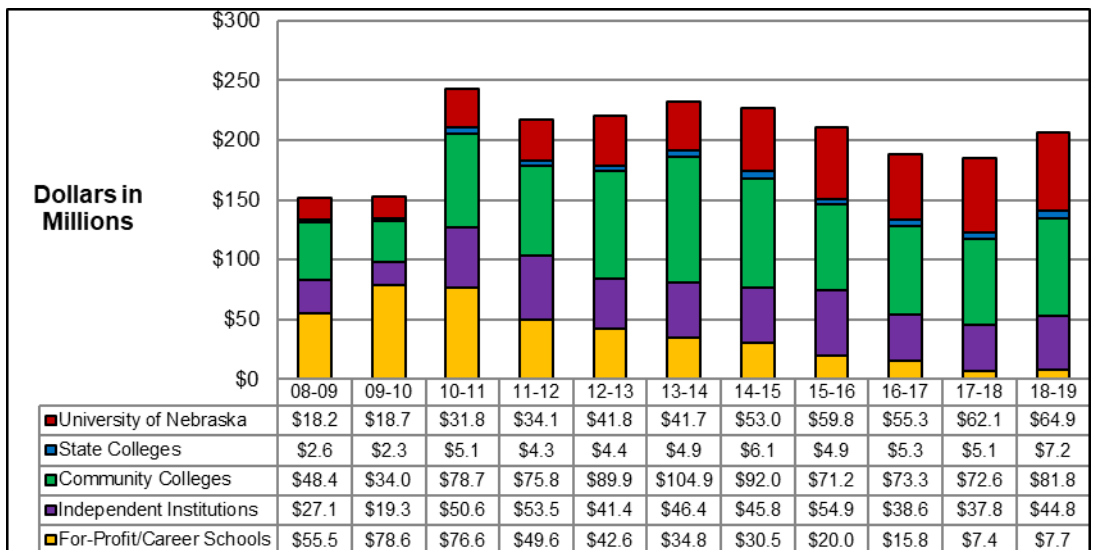


Funding

NOG is funded through General fund appropriations and lottery funds. As indicated on the chart to the left, General funds have remained stagnant since 2007-08; the only increase in NOG funding has come from lottery funds. Student need has continued to increase at a rate that outpaces any increase in funding.

Unmet Financial Need

Nearly 13,000 students received NOG awards in 2018-19 — but over 22,000 students qualified for grants and did not receive them due to a lack of NOG funds. The chart to the right illustrates the unmet financial need of Nebraska students who qualified for Pell grants. A

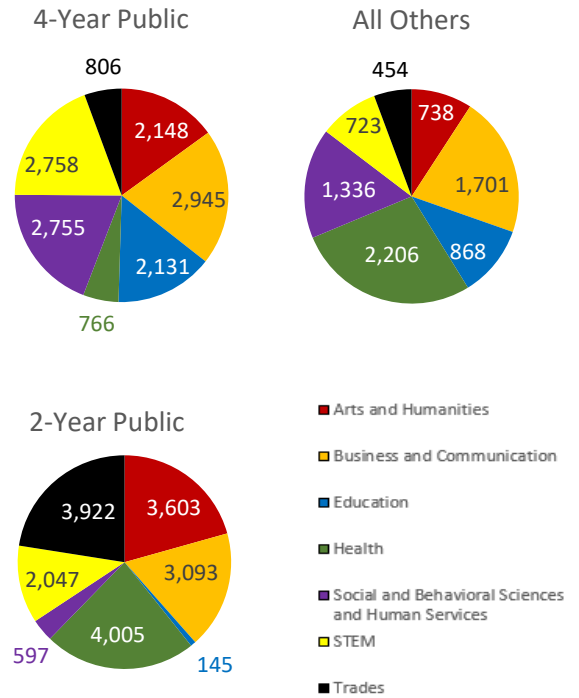


lack of State-sponsored financial aid is a contributing factor to this — Nebraska ranked 35th in the country for 2017-18 in the amount of State-provided need-based financial aid on a per student basis.

The National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) is a not-for-profit organization that serves as a central repository of postsecondary student enrollment, degree, and diploma data voluntarily submitted by more than 3,700 colleges and universities. These institutions enroll an estimated 97.0% of the college students in the United States that attend Title IV, degree-granting institutions. In Nebraska, all institutions except three private career schools report to NSC.

The cumulative graduation rates tables include only first-time students that also received a NOG scholarship beginning in their first year. Graduation rates were calculated for the student's initial enrollment institution regardless of the type of institution of the subsequent graduation.

Majors Conferred to NOG Recipients after Receiving a NOG Scholarship, by Discipline Cluster



All degree majors earned after a student received a NOG scholarship are included in the above charts. NSC data provides discipline information at the degree major level only. Not all institutions report the degree earned or degree major.

By the Numbers: 2010-11 through 2018-19

Unique students awarded a NOG scholarship	73,445
Unique NOG recipients that earned a degree, diploma, or certificate after receiving a NOG (Does not include students currently attending an institution that have not earned a first award.)	37,489
Majors conferred to NOG recipients after receiving a NOG scholarship	39,747
Number of first-time freshman awarded a NOG scholarship in their freshman year	13,671

Cumulative Graduation Rates by Year: First-time Students Initially Enrolled in a 2-Year Institution and Received NOG Beginning with Their First Academic Year

Academic Year First Received NOG Scholarship	n	Years to Graduate							
		1 or less	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2010-11	803	1.5%	21.4%	34.2%	40.6%	45.2%	48.3%	50.2%	51.9%
2011-12	713	1.1%	22.9%	34.2%	41.5%	46.6%	49.5%	52.2%	53.6%
2012-13	1,055	0.6%	15.4%	25.5%	30.4%	35.2%	37.9%	39.1%	
2013-14	1,098	3.8%	19.0%	29.5%	36.2%	41.1%	44.4%		
2014-15	903	4.4%	22.7%	33.1%	37.5%	41.6%			
2015-16	796	7.5%	27.3%	37.4%	44.2%				

Cumulative Graduation Rates by Year: First-time Students Initially Enrolled in a 4-Year Institution and Received NOG Beginning with Their First Academic Year

Academic Year First Received NOG Scholarship	n	Years to Graduate							
		1 or less	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2010-11	929	0.3%	3.4%	6.6%	29.0%	49.1%	58.4%	61.9%	63.4%
2011-12	702	2.6%	5.4%	9.3%	29.5%	49.7%	56.3%	59.3%	61.1%
2012-13	722	0.6%	3.2%	5.0%	23.3%	45.4%	54.0%	58.2%	
2013-14	846	0.6%	1.7%	4.4%	24.6%	44.9%	52.6%		
2014-15	952	1.4%	4.8%	7.6%	27.4%	47.4%			
2015-16	946	1.1%	3.8%	6.4%	22.5%				